



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Docket No.
SHO-0023

Application No. 10/697,249-Conf. #9039	Filing Date October 31, 2003	Examiner R. Hsu	Art Unit 3714
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Applicant(s): Masaaki ASONUMA

Invention: GAMING MACHINE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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Total Claims	6	- 20 =		x	
Independent Claims	2	- 3 =		x	
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					
Other fee (please specify):	Request for continued examination (RCE) (see 37 CFR 1.114)				810.00
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No additional fee is required for this amendment.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masaaki ASONUMA

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For: GAMING MACHINE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated March 7, 2007, the period for response previously being extended to November 5, 2007, by the previously-filed Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months and a Notice of Appeal filed on September 5, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 6 are amended.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)